

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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Re: *Andrew Clarke, et al., v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.,*
No. 08 Civ. 02400 (CM) (DF)

Dear Counsel:

Judge McMahon has referred this case to me for general pretrial supervision, and I have scheduled a case management conference for September 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Please note that your Rule 26(f) report should be submitted to my chambers no later than September 5.

At the case management conference, I will set deadlines for:

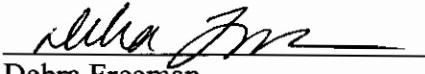
- (1) joining other parties and amending the pleadings;
- (2) service of initial document requests and interrogatories;
- (3) completion of fact discovery; and
- (4) completion of expert discovery, if any.

Please discuss this scheduling with each other in advance of the conference. Rather than impose arbitrary deadlines, I would much prefer it if you could stipulate to a schedule that you believe is realistic for each of the items listed above. If I find your stipulated dates to be reasonable, I will "so order" them at the conference.

In addition, please be prepared to discuss at the conference the various subjects listed in Rule 16(c). If there are any particular issues that you would like the Court to address, I would appreciate as much advance notice as possible.

The conference will take place in my Courtroom, Room 102 at the above address.

Very truly yours,



Debra Freeman
United States Magistrate Judge